



Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

1820 Highway 29 South
Anderson, SC 29626

Grades	3-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	312 Students	
Principal	Leonard Galloway	864-260-5215
Superintendent	Thomas A. Wilson	864-260-5000
Board Chair	Rick Bradshaw	864-224-5502

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Good
2010	Below Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

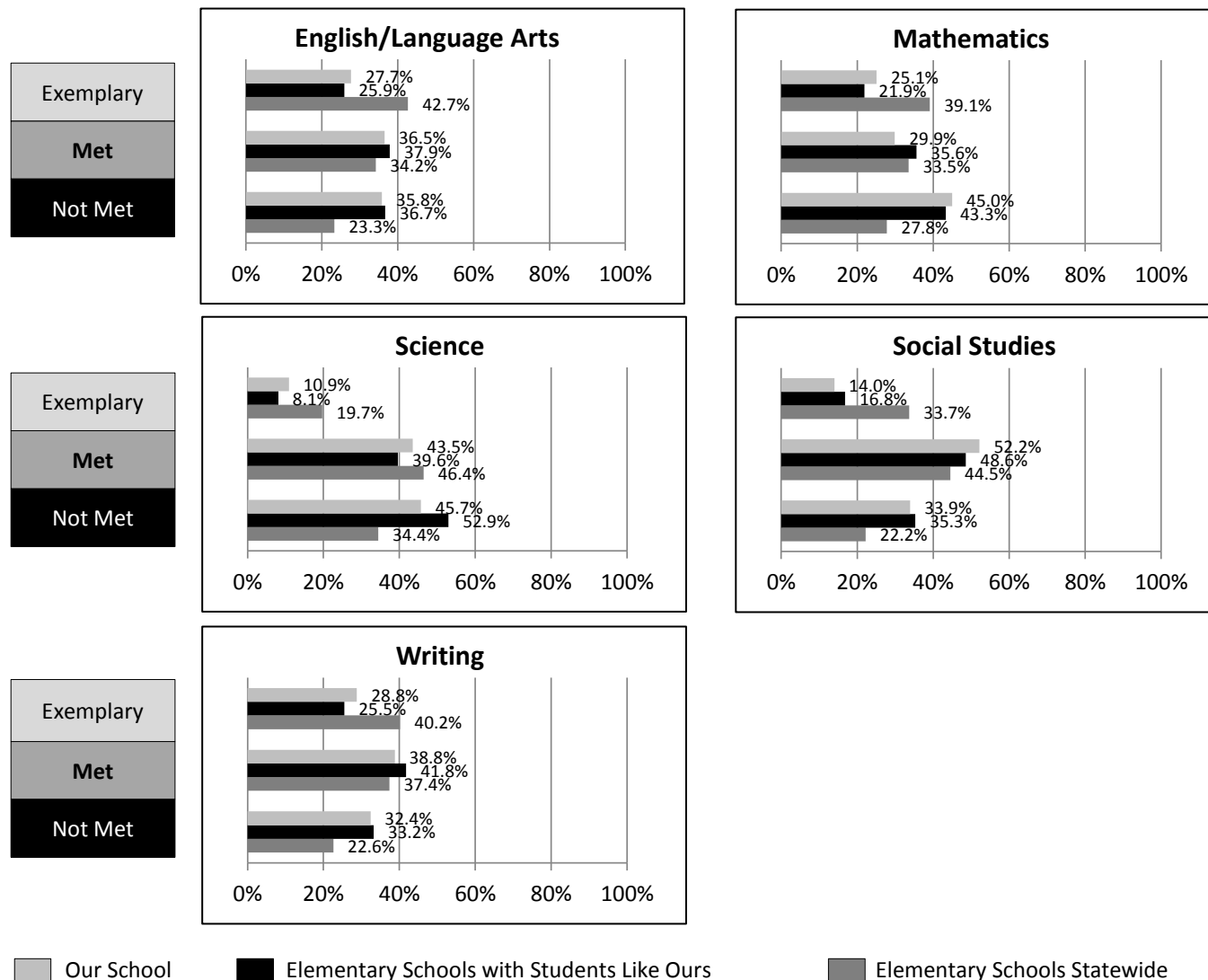
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

98.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	6	92	46	16

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)

* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 312)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.3%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.4%	Up from 5.4%	2.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	19.7%	Up from 19.5%	14.2%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Down from 3.9%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.0%	Up from 64.0%	59.4%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	84.0%	Up from 72.0%	73.4%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.3%	Down from 76.9%	83.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.2%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,861	Down 2.3%	\$45,638	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 2.6 days	10.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Up from 18.5 to 1	18.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 91.6%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.0%	Down from 94.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,691	Down 5.3%	\$8,788	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.5%	Down from 74.0%	64.3%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.5%	Up from 68.0%	63.8%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Varennas Academy of Communications and Technology is a Title One School located in Anderson, SC. We served approximately 340 students in 2013-2014 in grades 3-5. All students attend physical education, art, music, and computer classes as well as visit the media center on a weekly basis. In addition, our two resource teachers work diligently alongside the regular classroom teacher to help special education students master grade-level standards. Teachers at every grade level engage in collaborative planning sessions weekly to ensure they are delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. The learning community at Varennas is committed to student success. Varennas has received numerous awards including the Exemplary Writing, the Literacy Spot Award, Red Carpet Award, and recognition for meeting AYP. Communications and technology impacts our school greatly. We believe that effective communication skills are critical for our students to function in our global society. Technology has been used to enhance instruction at Varennas for many years. Students are engaged in technology-rich lessons that encourage them to become innovative thinkers and prepare them to compete in the future job market. Each grade level presents their students with year-end technology projects. Completion of these projects will ensure that our students are empowered to use communications and technology to reach their greatest potential. We believe that building a strong school-home network is vital to the success of our students. For that reason, we actively seek parental and community involvement in all school activities. Parents, students, and faculty/staff members have participated in various after-school events such as our math, literacy, and technology nights. Through the tireless efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and community, Varennas is making great progress. However, we believe that the future holds unlimited possibilities.

Ms. Verika Gambrell, SIC Chairperson

Mrs. Jennifer Bufford, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	85	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.0%	92.9%	82.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.0%	94.0%	87.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	28.0%	90.6%	80.9%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	69.9
Overall Grade Conversion	D

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Varennas Academy of Communications and Technology has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.8%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	621.4	615.0	603.7	620.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	620.2	614.7	606.5	620.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	622.4	615.2	600.6	620.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	628.4	621.8	607.5	620.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	617.3	610.2	599.9	616.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	626.6	621.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	588.1	578.5	573.0	596.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	626.4	624.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	618.0	611.9	601.3	617.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	116	633.8	100.0	116	610.1	100.0
	4	93	607.2	100.0	93	612.6	100.0
	5	121	623.4	100.0	121	607.8	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	58	607.9	100.0	59	631.1	100.0
	4	93	594.7	100.0	93	622.8	100.0
	5	61	599.2	100.0	60	622.4	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	109	634.8	100.0	109	615.4	100.0
	4	109	614.8	100.0	109	614.9	100.0
	5	88	613.6	100.0	88	614.5	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	54	609.7	100.0	55	623.5	100.0
	4	109	608.3	100.0	109	624.9	100.0
	5	45	586.2	100.0	43	603.2	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	0405055
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	649.9	650.3	638.8	660.8	99.9	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	646.1	650.1	639.1	664.0	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Female	653.6	650.4	638.6	657.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	665.0	668.6	655.3	676.6	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
African American	626.5	620.4	611.2	635.5	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.0	708.5	685.4	700.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	634.4	633.0	625.9	648.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	608.0	603.2	601.5	621.8	99.5	99.2	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	640.0	645.7	630.5	656.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.3	627.3	619.1	640.6	99.8	99.6	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	636.4	638.5	641.1	650.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	629.7	636.1	640.9	652.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	643.7	641.1	641.3	647.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	652.8	652.7	656.3	664.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	610.5	614.9	615.9	627.3	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.8	685.1	677.6	679.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	631.4	631.5	637.7	648.1	100.0	99.3	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	580.6	588.4	592.5	599.2	100.0	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.1	635.1	631.0	643.2	100.0	99.2	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.0	620.2	622.9	631.6	100.0	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.7	222.3	83.4	76.6	98.8	98.7	100.0	75.9
Male	226.0	221.7	83.3	77.7	98.3	97.9	100.0	71.1
Female	233.7	223.0	83.5	75.6	99.3	99.5	100.0	81.8
White	237.2	231.2	88.0	80.1	98.8	98.6	100.0	79.2
African American	219.3	208.6	77.1	70.9	98.9	98.9	100.0	69.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0
Hispanic	226.8	227.4	83.4	N/A	97.6	97.6	100.0	75.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.1	192.0	69.0	66.9	96.9	96.2	100.0	38.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	80.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.9
Subsidized Meals	220.1	209.9	78.3	72.3	98.3	98.1	100.0	62.3
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	0405055
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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